Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Original) A playback terminal for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content and a medium key that is unique to the medium, comprising:

a license obtaining unit operable to obtain a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content;

a content key obtaining unit operable to obtain a content key from the license;

a key selection unit operable to judge which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content; and

a decryption unit operable to decrypt the encrypted content using the key selected by the key selection unit.

Claim 2 (**Original**) A playback terminal for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content, a medium key that is unique to the medium, and key selection information, comprising:

a license obtaining unit operable to obtain a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content;

a content key obtaining unit operable to obtain a content key from the license;

a key selection unit operable to judge, based on the key selection information, which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content; and a decryption unit operable to decrypt the encrypted content using the key selected by the key selection unit.

Claim 3 (**Original**) A playback terminal for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content, a medium key that is unique to the medium, and key selection information, comprising:

a license obtaining unit operable to obtain a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content and a usage condition; a content key obtaining unit operable to obtain a content key from the license;

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a key selection unit operable to judge, based on the key selection information, which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content;

a usability judgment unit operable to judge, based on the usage condition, whether content corresponding to the license is usable; and

a decryption unit operable to decrypt the encrypted content using the key selected by the key selection unit, when either (i) the key selection unit judges that the medium key is to be used, or (ii) when the key selection unit judges that the license key is to be used and the usability judgment unit judges that the content is usable.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of any of Claims Claim 1 to 3, wherein

the key selection information has stored therein a content identifier, and key type information that indicates which of the medium key and the content key is to be used.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of any of Claims Claim 1 to 3, wherein

the key selection information is multiplexed with the encrypted content.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of any of Claims Claim 1 to 3, wherein

the key selection information has listed therein an identifier of a license corresponding to the content, and

the content key obtaining unit obtains the content key from the license specified by the license identifier.

Claim 7 (**Original**) A playback method for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content and a medium key that is unique to the medium, comprising:

a license obtaining step of obtaining a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content;

a content key obtaining step of obtaining a content key from the license;

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a key selection step of judging which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content; and

a decryption step of decrypting the encrypted content using the key selected in the key selection step.

Claim 8 (Original) A playback method for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content, a medium key that is unique to the medium, and key selection information, comprising:

a license obtaining step of obtaining a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content;

a content key obtaining step of obtaining a content key from the license;

a key selection step of judging, based on the key selection information, which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content; and a decryption step of decrypting the encrypted content using the key selected in the key selection step.

Claim 9 (Original) A playback method for playing back a medium on which is recoded encrypted content, a medium key that is unique to the medium, and key selection information, comprising:

a license obtaining step of obtaining a license that includes at least a decryption key for the encrypted content and a usage condition;

a content key obtaining step of obtaining a content key from the license;

a key selection step of judging, based on the key selection information, which of the medium key and the content key is to be used in decryption of the encrypted content;

a usability judgment step of judging, based on the usage condition, whether content corresponding to the license is usable; and

a decryption step of decrypting the encrypted content using the key selected in the key selection step, when either (i) in the key selection step, it is judged that the medium key is to be used, or (ii) when in the key selection step it is judged that the license key is to be used and in the usability judgment step it is judged that the content is usable.

Claim 10 (Original) A medium that stores encrypted content, the medium having recorded thereon:

a medium key that is unique to the medium; and

key selection information indicating whether or not the encrypted content is encrypted with the medium key.

Claim 11 (**Original**) The medium of Claim 10, wherein a content identifier is recorded in the key selection information.

Claim 12 (**Original**) The medium of Claim 10, wherein a license identifier is recorded in the key selection information.

Claim 13 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 2, wherein

the key selection information has stored therein a content identifier, and key type information that indicates which of the medium key and the content key is to be used.

Claim 14 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein

the key selection information has stored therein a content identifier, and key type information that indicates which of the medium key and the content key is to be used.

Claim 15 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the key selection information is multiplexed with the encrypted content.

Claim 16 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the key selection information is multiplexed with the encrypted content.

Claim 17 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the key selection information has listed therein an identifier of a license corresponding to the content, and

the content key obtaining unit obtains the content key from the license specified by the license identifier.

Claim 18 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein

the key selection information has listed therein an identifier of a license corresponding to the content, and

the content key obtaining unit obtains the content key from the license specified by the license identifier.